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RETREAT MEETING NOTICE

Friday, February 10, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

Martinelli Conference Center

3585 Greenville Road

Livermore, California

(see map on last page of agenda)

Chair: Councilmember Larry Reid

Vice Chair: Supervisor Scott Haggerty

Executive Director: Dennis R. Fay

Secretary: Christina Muller

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. **1.0 Convene Meeting, Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions & Public Comment**

9:10 a.m. **2.0 Meeting Objectives and Agenda**

9:15 a.m. **3.0 The Upcoming Legislative Session: Senator Perata's Bond Proposal, the Governor's Transportation Initiatives, and the future of Proposition 42 (page 1)**

Speakers:

- Brian Kelly, Senator Perata's Staff: legislative bond proposals, SB 1024 (Perata)
- Will Kempton, Caltrans Director: Governor's Strategic Growth Plan, bond proposals, etc.
- Tomi Van de Brooke, California Alliance for Jobs, sponsor of Transportation Funding Initiative on Prop. 42
- Lynn Suter, the CMA's Sacramento representative: commentary on all current proposals and political environment

A summary of the Governor's proposal and Senator Perata's bond proposal by Lynn Suter's office is attached.

10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:45 a.m. **4.0 Earmark Strategy: The Next Federal Reauthorization and Annual Appropriations (page 9)**

Speaker: Jim Copeland, CMA's Washington, DC Representative

The CMA was successful in securing earmarks for selected key projects in the last federal transportation program reauthorization. The next reauthorization is a few years away, but agreement on an earmark strategy will permit early and continuous advocacy. A strategy for annual appropriations earmarks is also important. Different projects for the appropriations process and reauthorization could be considered. The CMA's high priority projects, the CMA's recent emphasis on transit oriented development (TOD) and a proposed goods movement corridor concept provide a starting place for discussion (see attached material). Jim Copeland, staff and the facilitator will lead a discussion with the goal of establishing a strategy.

12:00 **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. **5.0 Funding Programs: Project Needs, Eligibility and Flexibility (page 19)**

Project sponsors are frequently faced with funding shortages and/or funding eligibility problems. For example, transit oriented development (TOD) at BART stations often requires converting surface parking to structured parking in order to free up land for development. MTC's funding program that targets TOD is referred to as Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC). The TLC program uses federal funds that cannot be used for parking structures. Furthermore, this source is not adequate to fully fund TODs. The compartmentalization of federal funding by MTC into several regional programs may be contributing to these two problems. MTC has created several programs that while worthwhile decrease the flexibility to respond to the particular needs of a county. For example, bicycle facilities in one county may be more important than TODs, but the separate MTC programs constrain flexibility and thus the overall funding that is available for the most important county needs. Staff will provide a summary of MTC's federal funding programs and their limitations. Staff and the facilitator will lead a discussion with the goal of developing a CMA position on how MTC can provide greater flexibility to CMAs in addressing the most critical needs in a county using limited transportation funding. As background, an overview of the funding picture is attached.

1:30 p.m. **6.0 Adjournment**

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